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PRIMARY ELECTION

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BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY ★★★

PROP 81 California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006.

SUMMARY *Put on the Ballot by the Legislature*

This act provides for a bond issue in an amount not to exceed a total of six hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000) to provide funds for the construction and renovation of public library facilities in order to expand access to reading and literacy programs in California's public education system and to expand access to public library services for all residents of California. Fiscal Impact: State cost of about \$1.2 billion over 30 years to pay off both the principal (\$600 million) and interest (\$570 million) costs of the bonds. One-time local costs (statewide) of about \$320 million for local matching contributions.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES

A YES vote on this measure means: The state could sell \$600 million in bonds to provide grants to local agencies for the construction, renovation, and/or expansion of local library facilities. Local agencies would contribute about \$320 million of their own funds towards these projects.

NO

A NO vote on this measure means: The state could not sell \$600 million in bonds for these purposes.

ARGUMENTS

PRO

Proposition 81 builds new community libraries and renovates old ones. It encourages school-library partnerships and helps fight illiteracy, without tax increases. \$600 million in state matching funds combines with local funding to provide safe havens for children after school and greater library access for seniors, businesses, disabled, and families.

CON

Free spending politicians have misspent our money. We should not spend \$9 billion a year on welfare for illegal aliens, and then borrow money for libraries. A no vote forces free spending politicians to cut welfare for illegal aliens to pay for our libraries. Vote No on Proposition 81.

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PROP 82 Preschool Education. Tax on Incomes Over \$400,000 for Individuals; \$800,000 for Couples. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

SUMMARY *Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures*

Establishes voluntary preschool education for all four-year olds. Funded by 1.7% tax on individual income over \$400,000; couples' income over \$800,000. Fiscal Impact: Increased annual revenues of \$2.1 billion in 2007–08, growing with the economy in future years. All revenues would be spent on the new preschool program.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES

A YES vote on this measure means: The state would make a free, voluntary, half-day public preschool program available to all 4-year olds. The state would impose a new tax on high-income taxpayers to pay for the new program.

NO

A NO vote on this measure means: The state would not: (1) establish a new preschool program available to all 4-year olds or (2) impose a new tax on high-income taxpayers to pay for such a program. (The state and federal governments would continue to provide existing public preschool services, primarily to children of low-income families.)

ARGUMENTS

PRO

PROP. 82 WILL PREPARE MORE CHILDREN TO READ AND LEARN, WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN K–12 EDUCATION. It encourages parental involvement, expands teacher training, has no cost for 99.4% of taxpayers, and provides for independent audits and criminal penalties for misuse of funds. Groups representing 450,000 classroom teachers say YES on 82.

CON

Proposition 82 is the wrong approach. Let's fix K–12 first before creating a new education bureaucracy and spending \$2.4 billion per year for only a 4–5% increase in preschool enrollment. There are better, more cost-effective ways to expand preschool. Please vote NO on 82.

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